

Agency with an infectious smile and a humble heart. It was no surprise when Equitable's agency managers' recognized James as their "National Honor Agent" for exemplifying excellence in professional achievement and community service from among the company's 7,500 member agency.

James' work throughout his life went far beyond the insurance industry. He answered his nation's call to duty, serving as a meteorologist in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. His extensive involvement in the community included serving on the Parkview Episcopal Hospital's executive committee and as finance chairman of the campaign for the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project. He also served as financial planner for the Pueblo Regional Library, worked as an officer at the local YMCA, and served on University United Presbyterian Church's board of elders and building committee. He mentored those who would listen, gave money to those who asked, and loved those who needed a kind word.

Mr. Speaker, James Moore will be sorely missed, and although we grieve over the loss of this incredible individual, we take comfort in the lives he touched and the legacy he leaves behind. I say to his wife Mary, his son Jim, and daughter DeAnn, that I am truly honored to pay tribute to his life and memory today. He was a great person and a great American, he will be sorely missed.

#### FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is with great reflection that I rise to recognize the hundreds of thousands of soldiers serving in our armed services today around the world, and to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the protection of our great country.

This has been a difficult year for many families in Minnesota, particularly those who have loved ones serving overseas in the armed forces. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the global campaign against terrorism have required much of the American people and the sacrifices are significant. War has separated thousands of Americans from their loved ones. Many families have not seen their fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, or friends and relatives for many months.

Today, the House rises in a moment of silence to recognize our fallen heroes. I would like to specifically mention the eight Minnesotans whose selfless acts of heroism in Iraq over the past year cost them their lives: Jim Herrgott, 20, of Shakopee; Brian Hellermann, 35, of Freeport; Dale Panchot, 26, of Northhome; Patrick Dorff, 32, of Buffalo; Matthew Milczark, 18, of Kettle River; Levi Angell, 20, of Cloquet; Moises Langhorst, 19, of Moose Lake; and Tyler Fey, 22, of Eden Prairie. Their service and their spirit live on in the memory of all Minnesotans.

This Memorial Day, I urge all Minnesotans to pause and remember those who have served our nation and those that continue to serve today. The debt of gratitude we owe these brave men and a woman is great and

we must never forget their sacrifices for our freedom.

#### CAROL AND JERRY BERMAN'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friends Carol and Jerry Berman as they celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Carol Berman met Jerry Berman at the University of Michigan, in 1941. Their surname was the same. In 1943 they became engaged. Jerry enlisted in the Air Force, and Carol graduated from college. They were married in 1944 and after a brief honeymoon, Carol traveled with Jerry to thirteen different Air Force installations where he was an airman, and she worked on various newspapers and magazines.

After the war they returned to Ann Arbor where Jerry received his degree in mechanical engineering, thanks to the GI Bill, and Carol worked as an Editor. After a while they moved back to New York and set up housekeeping in Lynbrook, Long Island. Jerry worked as an engineer, and Carol worked for a public relations firm. Their daughter Elizabeth was born followed by their son, Charles. They then moved to their present home in Lawrence, Long Island.

Carol devoted much of her time to the school, serving as President of two PTA's and then elected to the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Board of Education. While Carol was busy with this, Jerry, who now was in the family's insurance business, served in many capacities at his beloved Beth Shalom Synagogue, serving as Chairman of the Board for two terms.

Carol and Jerry also became politically active in the Democratic Party. Carol ran campaigns for many candidates and then the local offices for Assemblyman Eli Wager and Congressman Herbert Tenzer. She became a Vice Chair of the Nassau County Democratic Party. Carol was elected to the State Senate in 1978, serving for three terms, and is still the only Democrat elected to that body from a district solely in Nassau County. Her public service continued when she was appointed by Governor Cuomo to the State Division of Housing, to the Lobby Commission, and to the State Board of Elections, where she is still Commissioner.

Because of her political expertise, the community drafted her to head their fight against the SST Concorde landing at Kennedy Airport. That fight made history and just recently ended with the complete demise of the Concorde.

Terry was Democratic Leader of Lawrence-Cedarhurst, and President of the Five Towns Democratic Club, and was a close political associate of both Congressman Herbert Tenzer and Jim Scheuer. During the Vietnam War, he was appointed to the Draft Board, where he served for fifteen years. In that capacity, he accompanied Rabbi Edward Sandrow on a visit to General William Hershey, which resulted in a history making decision that enabled servicemen of other than the Quaker faith to claim Conscientious Objector status.

In addition, Jerry and Carol have donated much time to civic endeavors: among them

the building of St. John's Hospital. They have been honored by the Hospital, UJA-Federation, Israel Bonds, Congregation Beth Shalom, the Five Towns Democratic Club, Cancer Care, Nassau County Democratic Party, the Village of Lawrence and Carol by NOW and The Nassau Coalition Against Domestic Violence, as well as many other civic associations.

The greatest joy and love in their lives are their children: Elizabeth married to David; and Charles, married to Lisa; and their beloved grandchildren, Sarah, Jeremy, Rebecca and Ben.

Jerry and Carol emulate the ideals of citizenship in our country, through their concern for others, their service to the community and active participation in our government. I wish to congratulate and thank my good friends, Carol and Jerry, for all that they have done for my district, their community, the State, our Country, and me.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 1, 2004, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 210, 211, and 212. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 210 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 295, Congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on its 35th anniversary; rollcall vote 211 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended to H. Res. 612, Recognizing the firefighters, police, public servants, civilians, and private businesses who responded to the fire in Richmond, Virginia, on March 26, 2004; and rollcall vote 212 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 417, Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 210, 211, and 212.

#### FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

#### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Staff Sergeant Joseph Fales, a World War II veteran who gave his life fighting against tyranny so that we might live free.

In honor of Memorial Day, I had the pleasure of recognizing Staff Sergeant Fales for his heroism and bravery as a U.S. Soldier who fought in the Second World War until his death in October 1943.

Staff Sergeant Fales served in the Army Air Force and heroically performed the perilous job of a waist gunner aboard a B-17 bomber. His plane was shot down over the Adriatic Sea, and an American Hero was lost. Sergeant Fales was only 20 years old.

I had the honor of presenting his family with medals Joseph Fales earned during his service to our nation. They included the World War